

REMARKS

Support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the application as originally filed. For the Examiner's convenience, a specific reference can be made to page 11, lines 1+.

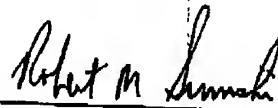
CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application should now be in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

1. (Amended) Shrink wrap material for protecting an object from surface damage comprising a nonwoven fabric layer for engaging said object when the material is applied to said object, a heat shrinkable thermoplastic film layer having a pre-determined shrink response when heat is applied thereto and an adhesive applied to [at least one of] said nonwoven fabric layer [or thermoplastic film] in a predetermined pattern defining first areas bearing said adhesive and second areas being void of said adhesive, said nonwoven layer being intermittently bonded to said film by said adhesive, whereby upon shrinking said film, said nonwoven fabric [including unbonded portions] gathers up in the areas void of adhesive to form pillows that overlie the [second] first areas of the film including adhesive, thus maintaining the bonded portions of the fabric and heat shrinkable film away from the object, thereby protecting said [surface] object from [said bonded portions] surface damage.

Please cancel Claims 5 and 6.

7. (Amended) Shrink wrap material as claimed in Claim [5] 1, wherein said pillows have an increasing average height dimension from base to pinnacle prior to application over a surface as the shrink rate of said film increases.

Please cancel Claim 13.

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21. (Amended) Shrink wrap material for protecting an object from surface damage comprising: a heat shrinkable film outer layer having a pre-determined shrink response when heat is applied thereto, a nonwoven fabric inner layer for engaging said object when said material is shrunk around said object, and a patterned adhesive intermittently applied to said nonwoven layer [by a gravure roll] and disposed between said film outer layer and said nonwoven fabric inner layer thereby coupling said film outer layer to said nonwoven fabric inner layer to form bonded areas and unbonded areas whereby, upon the application of heat to said material, the nonwoven fabric occurring along said unbonded areas gather up to overlie the adhesive occurring along said bonded areas thereby [protecting the object from the bonded areas] maintaining the bonded areas away from the object.

23. (Amended) Shrink wrap material as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said patterned adhesive includes a first set of substantially parallel lines and a second set of lines substantially perpendicular to said first set of parallel lines.

25. (Amended) Shrink wrap material as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said unbonded [overlying] portions of the nonwoven fabric include edge portions extending from the adhesive, said edge portions being deflected over said bonded areas.